

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the office action is respectfully requested since the office action does not address any of the dependent claims. In other words, all the rejection does is simply group all of the claims together and give reasons for rejection which apply, at best, only to the independent claims. This leaves the applicant with no insight as to the basis, if any, for the rejection of the dependent claims.

Since the office action fails to address the dependent claims, it is difficult for the applicant to respond since it is not known what the basis for the rejection of the dependent claims was. For example, claims 1-10 are rejected under JP10-106930. But no discussion is provided sufficient to even see why any of the dependent claims were rejected. No attempt is made to address those claims. Likewise, the same thing occurs with respect to the rejection of claims 1-10 based on Lin. There is no consideration of any of the dependent claims. The Manual of Patent Examining Procedure requires that the claims all be examined and not simply the independent claims.

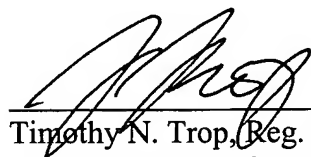
With respect to the rejection of claim 11, it is asserted that Figure 2 shows the method. But nothing in Figure 2 shows any kind of conductive layer over the photoresist. Likewise, nothing in Figure 2 shows depositing said layer to enable radiation to pass through said layer. In fact, the most that is shown is in Figure 4, the wafer may be placed between aluminum sheets. But those sheets are not deposited to enable radiation to pass through the layer.

Similarly, claims 21-24 are never discussed. Likewise, claims 26-29 are never discussed, nor claims 32 and 33. To avoid piecemeal examination, it is necessary to know the positions the office will take with respect to all of these elements before a response and/or amendments are tendered.

Therefore, resubmission of the office action with a complete examination of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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